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SUBJECT: SEATO: US CONTRIBUTION TO CIVIC ACTION PROJECT

REF: BANGKOK 20058

1. PROPOSED RIZAL DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IS WORTHY PROJECT, BUT NOT ONE OF HIGHEST PRIORITY GIVEN FACT THAT PHILIPPINES ALREADY HAS TWO GOVERNMENT REHAB CENTERS, PLUS AT LEAST SEVEN PRIVATE CENTERS. (THE "DARE" CENTER IN QUESTION WOULD BE YET ANOTHER PRIVATE CENTER.)

2. EMBASSY FEELS THAT BILATERAL US CONTRIBUTION TO PRIVATE CENTER WHICH OUTWEIGHS TOTAL SEATO CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE UNWISE, ALL THE MORE SO SINCE IT WOULD PROBABLY LEAD TO FUTURE REQUESTS FOR US ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNMENT CENTERS WHICH WE HAVE THUS FAR AVOIDED MAKING AND WHICH WE DO NOT BELIEVE THEY REALLY NEED.

3. IN SHORT, WHILE WE ARE THOROUGHLY WILLING TO SUPPORT SEATO CONTRIBUTION NOW THAT PHILIPPINE DANGEROUS DRUG BOARD HAS APPROVED THE RIZAL CENTER PROJECT, WE BELIEVE
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THAT IF THE GOP IS DEEPLY DESIROUS OF OBTAINING THE

CENTER IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL NECESSARY
FUNDING FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES TO TOP OFF SEATO'S GRANT.
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